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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents which were cited in the International Search Report mailed November 11, 2003 (and filed with the present application on March 30, 2005):

Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-open No. SHO 58-89511, along with a partial English language translation thereof;

International Patent Publication No. WO 00/43606 A1, which is also cited at page 1 of the specification of the present application, and which corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,298,628; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,298,628.

The relevance of the above-noted documents, as ascertained by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report mailed November 11, 2003.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

If the Examiner should have any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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